

IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION IN  
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A report of the governor of the Italian colony of Somaliland, reproduced in the July-August 1923 number of "Bollettino di Informazioni Economiche del Ministero delle Colonie" states that a new radio station will be installed at Gichar in Italian Somaliland. This station, together with the Hafun and Obbia stations (in operation since December, 1922) will contribute to the development of the colony and will be of particular usefulness to <sup>The</sup> Italo-Somali Agricultural Company.

Extension of Telephone Lines.

Telephone service between Mogadishio and Afgoi is stated to have proven its usefulness and the line will be extended as far as Balad.

Railroad Extension.

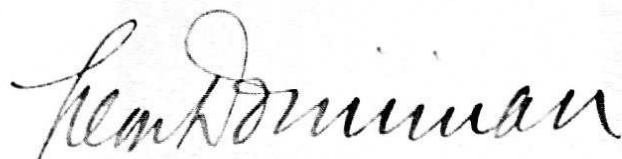
Work on the Mogadishio-Baldoa-Iugh railroad is progressing and tracks on the Mogadishio-Afgoi Section are being laid. Pending completion of this line a road has

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been built between Brava and Gelib. This road now provides access to the Goshia region which was hitherto isolated.

These connections will favor the agricultural and economic development of the colony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alan Dominian".

American Consul.

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Enclosures: Four Copies of Report.

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